

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph number [0016] starting at page 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0016] According to a development of the invention, that portion of the longitudinally extended element which is connected to the lower edge of the airbag is guided at an inclination with respect to the main direction of deployment of the airbag (which points vertically downwards from the roof edge of the vehicle along the vertical vehicle axis) in such a way that the lower edge of the airbag is increasingly tautened during deployment. The longitudinally extended element then serves, therefore, to reinforce ~~for reinforcing~~ the tautening of the lower edge of the airbag. ~~airbag, in that an~~ An additional movement of the lower edge in the vehicle longitudinal direction, which reinforces the tautening of the lower edge, is imparted to the natural direction of deployment of the airbag downwards from the roof edge.

Please replace paragraph number [0041] starting at page 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0041] As shown in Figure 1, the ~~[[The]]~~ lower of the two deflection elements 26, 27 spaced apart from one another along the vertical vehicle axis z is arranged on a holding plate H2 (holding panel) which is arranged on the B-column B, approximately level with the lower window edge U. The other deflection element 27 is arranged on the holding plate H1 which also serves for receiving the gas generator G. The deflection elements may be, for example, rotatably mounted cable rollers.

Please replace paragraph number [0029] starting at page 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0029] Fig. 5a shows a diagrammatic ~~illustrations~~ illustration of a connection between the airbag and the longitudinally extended element by means of a clip.

Please replace paragraph number [0030] starting at page 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0030] Fig. 5b shows a diagrammatic ~~illustrations~~ illustration of a connection between the airbag and the longitudinally extended element by means of a clip.

Please replace paragraph number [0037] starting at page 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0037] An airbag module is arranged in a known way on the roof-edge region D of the vehicle body, the airbag module comprising an airbag 1 which, in the folded state, extends along the entire roof-edge region D bordering the front side window F. The airbag is inflatable by means of a gas generator G which is fastened to a holding panel ~~[[H1]]~~ H1 arranged at the upper end of the B-column.

Please replace paragraph number [0057] starting at page 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0057] Fig. 5b illustrates an arrangement in which the airbag 1 has a passage orifice 102, into which is threaded a ~~portion 60. portion 60;~~ The portion 60 is provided with an introduction orifice 61, ~~[[of]]~~ a clip element 6 ~~[[which]]~~ that surrounds the cable 20, and ~~[[with]]~~ a further portion 65 that surrounds the cable 20.